

## Ontario Energy Association Names 2009 Leader and Company of the Year

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NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO/September 17, 2009 – The Ontario Energy Association (OEA) has named Wayne Robbins, Chief Nuclear Officer with Ontario Power Generation (OPG), the 2009 OEA Leader of the Year, and Horizon Utilities Corporation the 2009 OEA Company of the Year.

The awards recognize leaders of exceptional vision, integrity and accomplishment, and companies whose best practices or successful introduction of a new product or service sets new industry standards. They were presented during the 2009 OEA Annual Conference on September 16-17 in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

“Wayne Robbins is a true leader whose integrity is renowned among his peers and staff, and whose dedication to his work and employees is exemplary,” said Paul McMillan, OEA Interim President and CEO. “His determination to get the job done got the job, with overwhelming regard for employees’ health and safety.”

Before his promotion to Chief Nuclear Officer, Robbins was the Senior Vice President of OPG’s Darlington Nuclear Generating Station, which produced just under 20 per cent of Ontario’s electricity in 2008. Three of Darlington’s four units were ranked in the top five CANDU units worldwide last year. Unit capacity factors are routinely above 98 per cent at Darlington. In addition, the Darlington team successfully completed a substantial maintenance outage on the Vacuum Building safety system. This complex project requires shutdown of all four reactors. Twenty-five thousand tasks were completed over 40 days in this project, and none of the more than 4,000 OPG staff involved suffered a lost-time accident.

“We at OPG appreciate the significance of this award within the industry, and are extremely proud that Wayne and his team are being recognized for their leadership,” said Tom Mitchell, President and CEO of Ontario Power Generation.

Under the leadership of its President and Chief Executive Officer, Max Cananzi, Horizon Utilities Corporation has become the first local distribution company in Ontario to publish a sustainability-based annual report. Horizon’s 2008 Annual Report measures the company’s performance against its own Sustainability Policy, and against the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) international standard for sustainability. In addition to economic factors, the GRI Sustainability Reporting Guidelines emphasize the need to include social and environmental factors in performance measures and reporting.

“Winning the 2009 OEA Company of the Year Award is an honour and a credit to Horizon’s employees, who are dedicated to serving their customers and shareholders sustainably and to the best of their abilities,” said Cananzi.

“Being at the forefront of using all three criteria as formal measures of success, Horizon has helped bring in a higher standard for those of us participating in the energy sector to measure our performance by,” said McMillan. “On behalf of the entire OEA, congratulations to Horizon and Wayne for their outstanding achievements.”

The OEA is Ontario’s premier energy trade organization, representing firms and organizations involved in the transmission, distribution and marketing of natural gas, and in the generation, transmission, distribution and marketing of electricity across the province. OEA members together employ about 32,000 Ontarians, and last year accounted for about \$35 billion in market revenues.

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